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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the current abstract with the following rewritten abstract:

-- Methods of increasing the throughput of recovery boilers equipped with at least

three levels of injection of air, with oxygen enrichment of the air in at least one air

injection level. In one method, a black liquor recovery boiler has three levels of

air injection, and oxygen enrichment is applied to at least the secondary and the

tertiary air injection levels. In another method, a black liquor recovery boiler has

four levels of air injection, and oxygen enrichment is applied to one or more of

the tertiary or quaternary air injection levels. In another method, a black liquor

boiler has three levels of air injection, with oxygen enrichment applied to at least

two air injection levels. After combustion, the oxygen concentration in the

resultant flue gas is sensed. The oxygen injection is then adjusted in order to

maintain the sensed oxygen concentration at the previously selected oxygen set

point. --

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